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CHOCOLATES

SCOTLAND'S STRENGTH DEPENDS ON CUP RUNS

— BY PAUL DEAN —

A mixture of great international experience and brilliant youth — this is the Scotland squad for the Australian and Asian tour, announced last week in Glasgow.

The fact that only five "Anglo-Scots" have been included — players with English League clubs — indicates Scotland's determination to rely more and more on home players.

This is the squad announced with one more player to be added soon:

Goalkeepers: Ferguson

(Kilmarnock), Cruickshank (Hearts).

Backs: Callaghan (Dunfermline), Bell (Leeds United), Gemmell (Celtic).

Half-backs: Greig (Rangers), Bremner (Leeds United), McKinnon (Rangers), Townsend (St. Johnstone), Gray (Leeds United).

Forwards: McLean (Kilmarnock), Lorimer (Leeds United), Hood (Clyde), you like.

McCalliog (Sheffield Wednesday), Wallace (Celtic), Ferguson (Dunfermline), Henderson (Rangers).

Bell, Gemmell, Greig, Bremner, McKinnon, Wallace, the two Fergusons and Henderson are all full Scottish internationals.

Willie Bremner has the reputation of being the toughest Scottish player alive — a super-Stiles, if you like.

Greig has been the "brain" of the Rangers' defence for many seasons and Willie Henderson is rated as one of Britain's top wingers, together with Irishman George Best of Manchester United.

Eddie Gray, the tall inside forward, recently celebrated his 19th birthday by leading the Scotland under-23 team to victory over England.

Three of the forwards in the Scotland party were their team's top scorers in the 1965-66 season.

Wallace netted 20 goals for Hearts, Ferguson 29 for Dunfermline and Lorimer 13 for Leeds United.

Withdrawals?

A number of famous Scottish stars missed out on selection partly because their clubs wouldn't release them and partly because they are being purposely overlooked.

They include McCreadie, Yeats, Stevenson, St. John, Cooke, Mackay, Gilzean, Baxter, Herd, Ure, Provan, Forrest, Wilson, Chalmers and Lennox.

I feel Australian fans should be well satisfied with the strength of the Scotland side — provided no more players are withdrawn from the squad.

And this, unfortunately, may happen.

Leeds United are one of the hot tips for the FA Cup final, played at Wembley on May 20 — later than usual.

If Leeds reach the final, Bell, Bremner, Gray and Lorimer will have to stay behind for their club but could be in Sydney for the May 28 match.

Celtic are now in the semifinal of the European Champions' Cup and if they avoid Inter Milan, could easily reach the final, played at Lisbon on May 25.

That would mean the withdrawal of Gemmell and Wallace.

Kilmarnock and Leeds are still engaged in the European Fair Cities Cup where the next round must be completed by April 21 and the final is played late in May.

Rangers are still very much interested in the European Cupwinners' Cup where they could also reach the final, again played late in May.

Should Leeds, Celtic, Rangers and Kilmarnock all reach these finals, no less than 11 of the 17 players could be in danger of being withdrawn from the touring party.



Canterbury centre-forward Rinos soars high in the air, but it's too late. The ball is already in the safe arms of Cumberland goalie Hopkins in this incident of last Saturday's Ampol Cup match which Cumberland won 3-2.

IMPORTANT AID TO BIG CONTEST

Although it's only one week old, the SOCCER WORLD-LA FIAMMA Contest is already creating unprecedented interest among our readers.

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While a little luck is always welcome, the Contest will truly test the knowledge of our readers.

The second series of questions, after the Ampol Cup, will relate to the top division competitions in the various States.

Readers will be asked to forecast the first four teams at the end of the various premierships in NSW, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland and Western Australia.

Most of our readers are well informed on the activities of other States.

In the next few issues we will publish, from our interstate correspondents, summaries of their local scenes.

Another aid to readers is the SOCCER WORLD ANNUAL, just published, which gives a very comprehensive picture of soccer in all States during 1966, including final tables.

This may be most helpful when you are soon asked to give your forecasts for 1967.

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Each week SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA will publish progress scores in the voting.

First prize in the READERS CONTEST will be one return air ticket to Italy by ALITALIA AIRLINES.

The winner of this section will be the reader who accumulates the highest number of points throughout the various stages of the Contest.

For each section — the first appearing today — various points will be awarded. These, after the completion of each section, will be added up and tabulated, thus each reader's score will be carefully checked and kept. Progress standings will be periodically published in both SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA.

● Closing date of entries for Section No. 1 (Ampol Cup, Sydney results): Friday, March 17, 5 p.m.

Cup may be beyond the holder's reach

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Three previous Ampol Cup winners — Hakoah (1957), St. George-Budapest (1960) and APIA (1966) — have qualified for Friday night's double-header together with Pan Hellenic, who are making their first appearance ever in the semis.

Friday's double-header pairings are: St. George v. Pan Hellenic at 7.15 p.m. and APIA v. Hakoah at 8.45 p.m.

The final will be played at Wentworth Park on Sunday at 3.00 p.m. and Friday's losers will meet to decide third prize-money as a curtain-raiser to the final at 1.30 p.m.

This is how we see Friday's semifinals at Marks Field:

St. George v.

Pan Hellenic

The manner in which both teams reached the semifinals couldn't be more dissimilar.

Although both are undefeated, Saints got there with a 100 per cent. record — five wins from as many matches — and scored 19 goals in the process.

Pan Hellenic squeezed home on goal-average with one win, four 1-1 draws and only seven goals.



R. BLITZ (Pan Hellenic)

Only the defensive line is favorable to Pan Hellenic as they have conceded one goal less than the Saints.

Despite all the criticism levelled at him throughout the series, Pan Hellenic can thank Karyannis for their first-ever Ampol semifinal appearance.

Karyannis scored the vital equalisers against Croatia and Hakoah, and

he also scored the all important third goal against Polonia which allowed Pan Hellenic to edge Croatia out of the semis on goal-average.

Pan Hellenic will again need all the opportunism of the controversial Karyannis if they are to stand a chance against the free-scoring St. George.

Saints' problem won't be how to score goals, as they are well endowed in this department with at least one-goal-a-match John Warren, Cliss, Hillhouse and the new Scottish forward Frank McColgan.

Saints' one weakness is their half-back line which lacks a constructive player.

Schaefer and De Bruin are great fighters and tacklers, but neither can assume the role of midfield gaffer.

Pan Hellenic, with Sanchez, Cole and McCulloch are better off in this regard, but they are so much weaker in attack that the edge should still clearly be with St. George in this match.

Saints would be well advised to take charge of the match from the kickoff and not waste any scoring chances as Pan Hellenic are noted for their fighting finish.

Should Pan Hellenic still be in the race in the last 15 minutes, then Saints had better beware.

Pan Hellenic's defence will face their stiffest task of the series to date but appears capable of restricting the Budapest attack.

Their forwards, however, are most unlikely to force a decision and we fancy a low-scoring St. George victory after a tough, uncom-promising battle.

APIA v.

Hakoah

Before the series started most people expected this to be the Ampol Cup final, just as it was last year.

Hakoah, as expected,

already won their group, although not as easily as anticipated, but APIA so far in the Cup have only been a shadow of their brilliant 1966 selves.

Last Sunday they fielded the team that won the Australia Cup final in devastating style last season but again failed to recapture even a semblance of their best form.

APIA will face an almost impossible task if the Disciplinary Committee decides to suspend Cam-



D. WALSH (Hakoah)

pana and Giacometti — which they should.

Without their two key forwards, APIA's forward line with the out-of-form Blue and Watkiss will be easy meat for Hakoah's defence — without a doubt Australia's best.

The youthful McKinnon and Campbell, their replacements, may be a trifle too inexperienced for the likes of Edwards, Marnoch, Walsh and Duffy.

Even at their best, APIA's forward-line would find it hard to get the best of Hakoah's granite-like defence.

With such a depleted line, APIA's hopes for a berth in Sunday's final will hinge solely on their defence.

It's obvious they will have to play a super-defensive game and only keep Watkiss and Kerklaan up front for quick breakaways.

It would be suicidal for APIA to even attempt to play their usual bright, attacking game.

Facing APIA in such an unusual role, it will be up to Hakoah to take the initiative and dictate the play.

Their forwards — who have scored less goals than any other team — are again likely to have a great share of the ball and many chances.

But they must show a big improvement to make the most of APIA's predicament.

The opportunity of meeting such a depleted APIA may not present itself again for a long time.

We expect Hakoah to make the most of it and win. The most likely score? 1-0.

Manchester United match dates

These are the official dates for Manchester United's eight matches in Australia: Wednesday, June 7 — v. NSW in Sydney; Sunday, June 11 — v. Victoria in Melbourne; Monday, June 12 — v. Northern NSW in Newcastle; Wednesday, June 14 — v. Queensland in Brisbane; Sunday, June 18 — v. NSW in Sydney; Wednesday, June 21 — v. Victoria in Melbourne; Saturday, June 24 — v. South Australia in Adelaide; Tuesday, June 27 — v. Western Australia in Perth.

PROBABLE LINE-UPS

ST. GEORGE

SOKOLOFF
STEGBAUER
ISAAC
SCHAEFER
MORGAN
DE BRUIN
TODD
CLISS
WARREN
MCOLGAN
HILLHOUSE

PAN HELLENIC

MAGLIS
JOHNSTON
OMEROS
SANCHEZ
COLE
MCULLOCH
BLITZ
SMITH
WESTWATER
KARYANNIS
LOGAN

APIA

RORKE
VAN BLERK
NUTTALL
HUGHES
SAMBROOK
BOTTAICO
MCKINNON
CAMPBELL
WATKISS
BLUE
KERKLAAN

HAKOAH

FUZES
EDWARDS
HILLSDON
WALSH
MARNOCH
DUFFY
FEKETE
HARDING
LARAMAN
NINAUS
HOLDEN

FINAL TABLES, RESULTS

AMPOL TABLES

GROUP "A"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. George	5	5	—	19	6	79	
APIA	5	2	2	1	12	8	46
Yugal	5	1	3	1	11	9	38
Sth. Coast	5	1	2	2	8	8	30
Canterbury	5	1	1	3	7	13	24
Cumberland	5	1	—	4	8	21	20

GROUP "B"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	5	3	1	1	4	2	45
P. Hellenic	5	1	4	—	7	5	39
Croatia	5	2	2	1	5	4	39
Malita E.	5	2	1	2	4	5	33
Polonia-NS	5	1	3	6	8	23	
Prague	5	1	3	6	8	23	

AMPOL REFEREES

Semifinals: Pan Hellenic v. St. George-Budapest — H. Parsons; APIA v. Hakoah — N. Jones. Third place play-off: J. Henkelman. Final: A. Boskovic.

WIN: 12 pts.

DRAW: 5 pts.

GOAL: 1 pt.

GROUP

"A"

APIA	●	1-3	2-2	St. George	1-1	3-1	5-1
St. George	3-1	●	2-0	3-2	8-2	3-1	
South Coast	2-2	0-2	●	2-2	3-0	1-2	
Yugal	1-1	2-3	2-2	●	5-2	1-1	
Cumberland	1-3	2-8	0-3	2-5	●	3-2	
Canterbury							

LATIN TEMPER FLARE UP IN LAST CUP ROUND

The last round proper of the Ampol Cup produced surprises, even some drama — but very little good football.

Melita Eagles, within inches of the semifinals, crumbled and collapsed while Croatia missed out on the semis by a slender goal average.

The St. George-Budapest v. APIA match almost predictably, produced two expulsions and, unpredictably, an APIA defeat.

Last Friday:

Again Karyannis...

Hakoah had to withstand a storming finish by Pan Hellenic to salvage a draw which was enough to see them through to the semifinals last Friday.

In the early match Croatia beat Prague 2-1.

Croatia v.

Prague 2-1

The first half was Prague's, the second Croatia's, but all through the game Prague played the more enterprising football.

Croatia can thank Prague stopper Zeman for their win.

Zeman presented Cush with the winning goal 18 minutes before the end when he dilly-dallied instead of clearing a harmless looking ball.

Prague, in the first half, ran rings round Croatia and should have been at least two goals in the lead.

The lack of a goalscoring striker again proved their downfall as they failed to convert gilt-edged chances.

Both first half goals were scored within 30 seconds of each other, but while Prague's goal was a well conceived gem of a goal, Croatia's was the result of a weak shot by Tyrrell that slipped under the unsighted King.

Croatia played much better in the second half but even when they asserted a marked territorial advantage, the Croatia attack and midfield lacked method and inspiration.

Details:
Croatia: Corry; Lincoln, Bonazza (Hood); Curry, Snedden, Tomicic; Tyrrell, R. Cush, F. Cush, Reynolds, Fraser.

Prague: King; Harcombe, Tracey; Hill, Zeman, Blacker; Povey, Lissing, G. Manuel, Scheinflug, Armytage.

Scorers: Tyrrell 23 min., F. Cush 52 min. for Croatia; Armytage 23 min. for Prague.
Referee: J. Henkelman.

Hakoah v.

Pan Hellenic 1-1

Pan Hellenic retained their unbeaten Ampol Cup record with their fourth 1-1 draw of the series.

Until 10 minutes from the end they looked a well beaten side, but after Karyannis' equaliser they gained a new lease of life and came close to snatching victory.

The dying stages of the match were the only interesting moments of a game of wasted chances.

Hakoah's new signing from Slavia - Melbourne, centre-forward Peter Laraman, was the biggest offender in this respect.

Laraman had enough chances to give his team a big win but how he failed to score at least three goals from the passes he received from Holden, Fekete, Walsh and Duffy, heaven only knows.



McCulloch; Demos (Hill), Smith, Karyannis, Westwater, Blitz.

Scorers: Ninaus 6 min. for Hakoah; Karyannis 53 min. for Pan Hellenic.

Referee: N. Jones.
Crowd: 3,417 (double-header).

— Lou Gautier

Play went on from one end to the other with both sides missing good scoring chances when against the run of play, Cumberland, through a disagreement between the Berries' goalie and the centre-half got the equaliser.

From this stage onwards Cumberland took command of the midfield play and held this territorial advantage right to the final whistle.

On their showing, both sides need experienced players badly in their line-ups if they are to do well in the competition.

For Canterbury, Clarke, Rinos and Jamieson played well and for Cumberland Fer-

nie and new signing Joe Keenan were the best.

Details:
Canterbury: Taylor (Margett); Raeburn, Williamson; Romano, Konstantakopoulos (Dricos), Hardy; Laing, Clarke, Rinos, Paxinos, Jamieson.

Cumberland: Hopkins (Fisher); Smith, Haggett; Charlton, Keen, Fernie; Keddie, Goldie (Allan), Crocker, Entwhistle, Keenan.

Scorers: Rinos 6 min. and 47 min. for Canterbury; Konstantakopoulos (o.g.) 18 min., Keenan 30 min. and 52 min. for Cumberland.

Referee: F. Woolman.
Crowd: 1,500 (double-header).

— Charles Spiteri

more serious at stake than their old rivalry with the Saints two ace APIA forwards got themselves sent off within a minute.

These two — Campana and Giacometti — played as though they had a "death wish", provoking the good-natured referee Parsons beyond endurance as if to show him how wrong he was not to be firmer from the start.

From then on it was a peaceful procession to the end with St. George adding a third goal for good measure.

APIA at no stage of the game showed their true class and confirmed the suspicion of many a neutral observer that they are no longer the team they were last year.

Their midfield domination is gone, their forwards are strangely ineffective and their rearguard, especially Rorke, is shaky.

St. George-Budapest played confidently as though they were used to beating their opponents.

They created and took their chances well up in front while their defence, though terribly green, fought non-stop.

For St. George Stegbauer, De Bruin and Warren were the best men and McColgan made a good debut.

In APIA Nuttall and Kerklaan were the pick of players.

Details:
St. George-Budapest: Sokoloff; Stegbauer, Isaac; Schaeffer, Morgan, De Bruin; Todd, McColgan, Warren, Cliss, Hillhouse.

APIA: Rorke; Nuttall, Ackerman (Van Blerk); Hughes, Sambrook, Bottalico; Giacometti, Blue, Watkiss, Campana, Kerklaan.

Scorers: Warren 28 and 62 min., Hillhouse 45 min. for St. George; Kerklaan 2nd min. for APIA.

Referee: H. Parsons.

Crowd: 6,476 (double-header).

— Paul Dean

Last Saturday:

Melita's hopes crash

Cumberland United and Polonia-North Side each had their first win in their last Ampol Cup encounters last Saturday at Arlington Oval.

In the early match Polonia easily beat Melita 2-0 and in the match that followed Cumberland beat Canterbury 3-2.

Polonia v.

Melita Eagles 2-0

Played on a very slippery surface the Polonia v. Melita Eagles game produced dull and uninspiring football.

Polonia made the most of the conditions, and playing their best game of the tournament scored two great first half goals which run Melita down to the ground.

On the other hand, Melita in a surprise reversal of form had their worst outing of the season, stunning their usually noisy supporters to extreme silence.

Their normally steady defence erred repeatedly and their forward-line was very much out of tune.

Polonia, expecting a hard match, went straight on the attack and on several occasions in the first few minutes Eaton was called to clear dangerous balls.

The first goal came when Krawiarz, after a lightning run on the left flank, sent in a perfect centre to Muhlbauer, who with the Melita defence out of position easily placed the ball past Eaton into the net.

This quick goal shook the Eagles badly and instead of retaliating, the team fell into repeated mistakes.

Polonia kept the pressure on and the ball stayed in Melita's area for the full duration of the first half, so it was not surprising when in the 25th minute Krawiarz

scored the second goal with a thunderbolt that Eaton could not have possibly saved.

In the second half, Melita used panic measures and put their best defenders in the forward line in trying to save the match.

Although these measures seldom ever work, in this instance at least they saved Melita from a bigger hammering.

Melita were on the attack from the start of the second half and kept the pressure on Polonia right to the end but Root was in great form and was there to clear and save when required.

Details:
Polonia: Root; Nowacki, Calphy; Gawlik, Dzialach, Komoder; Gaik, Muhlbauer, Baker, Krawiarz, Adamson (Bell).

Melita Eagles: Eaton; Fallon, Woods, Hewlett, Cilia, Jaros; Montague, Azzopardi, Hunter, Reid, Stefanovic (Mulqueeny).

Scorers: Muhlbauer 5 min. and Krawiarz 25 min. for Polonia.

Referee: K. Lockery.

Cumberland v.

Canterbury 3-2

Both sides depended too much on their inexperienced youngsters and although the game never rose to any heights, it did show some promising talent which may come good later.

The game was played at a fast pace and Canterbury made the first attacks which within minutes produced the first goal, through centre-forward Rinos.

Last Sunday:

Again Campana...

A seemingly disinterested Yugal struggled to a dull draw with South Coast while a strangely nervous APIA lost to St. George-Budapest during an afternoon that could not possibly be described as "entertaining."

Details:

Yugal: Djukic; Dragovic, Crnic; Stosic, Dunaj, Rafanelli; Alagich, Takac, Edwards, Lalic, Bobic.

South Coast: Nuell; Strachan, Ringland; Carr, Barnes, Tolson; Paterson, Salisbury, Harrison, Barnett, Davies.

Scorers: Alagich 33 min., Bobic 67 min. for Yugal; Tolson 39 min., Barnes 70 min. for South Coast.

Referee: M. Buchanan.

St. George v.

APIA 3-1

As it happens their position wasn't hopeless at all; had they won 4-2 — which they could have — they would now be in the semifinal instead of APIA.

Up to the 50th minute or so everything happened on the field in slow motion and the greatest amount of running was undoubtedly done by the two ambulances periodically rushing on to treat one or the other apathetic combatant.

The game livened up only towards the end when Alagich — on and off sulking with his team-mates — started to shake things up.

Combining well with Takac, these two applied pressure on the South Coast de-

fence and eventually created enough chances for their colleagues to win handsomely.

But the other forwards wouldn't hear of that.

The chances were missed and time again South Coast — themselves rather ineffective on the day — kept getting their second chances.

It was poetic justice that South Coast finally even equalised, putting an apathetic Yugal out of their miseries — and out of the Cup.

Takac and occasionally Alagich in Yugal, Tolson and the "veteran" Salisbury in South Coast certainly stood above the others.

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— Paul Dean

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COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE**SLAVIA TO WIN AMPOL FINAL AFTER REPLAY**

— By BOB LOW —

By exploiting their greater all-round experience and the fact they are better "stayers" than their opponents, Slavia should win the replayed Ampol Cup final at Olympic Park this Friday night.

However, Melbourne, if they can improve their attack in which Dezsofi and Kurta failed miserably in the first game, cannot be discounted.

It seems that goal-grabber Connelly at inside left (scored all his side's four goals in the past two games) is the only man in attack who is really goal-conscious.

There could be changes in both sides for the replay as many players got knocks in the first game.

After his great display last week the Victorian selector should run the rule over Melbourne's Bill McGowan who is one of the most consistent fullbacks and who is really catching the eye with sterling performances.

Anyway, it's Slavia for me on this occasion and I don't reckon the Port side will find it as hard as they did last week to press home their superiority.

SA RESULTS

In last Monday night's Ampol Cup matches in Adelaide Juventus beat Port Adelaide 4-0 and Polonia thrashed Austria 5-1.

STH. AUST. GOES AHEAD IN DUEL

South Australia toppled Victoria 2-1 in an unspectacular interstate encounter at Hindmarsh last Saturday.

SA has now won eight games to Victoria's seven with two matches drawn.

Following recent good club wins over Victorian teams, the home State started the match with a strong psychological edge but it was an advantage they failed to capitalise upon.

Both sides played faltering, hesitant soccer which for the majority of the game succeeded only in boring the big crowd.

SA had the first scoring chance after eight minutes but Young saved brilliantly from close range.

A chain of passes involving West, Typek, McColl and Cruz, ended with the Portuguese winger heading narrowly over the crossbar.

Victoria countered when Micic sent Abonyi away on the right wing and the resultant pass left Norman with only Fedczyszyn in goal to beat.

However, the young SA keeper brought off a great one-handed diving save.

Both first half goals

**First clash:
A 1-1 draw**

Slavia and Melbourne tied at 1-1 after extra time in the 1967 Ampol Cup final at Olympic Park last Friday.

This was the second week running that Melbourne played extra time.

Trailing by a goal scored by Savage at the start of the extra time, they only managed to scramble the equaliser through Connelly two minutes from the end.

Slavia, without rising to any great heights, lasted the pace better in a game which was uninspiring and lacked action throughout.

It was obvious of course that the strain of playing a second 120 minutes game in just inside a week had a telling effect on Melbourne's players who carried a few "passengers", especially in attack.

For Slavia the top men were High, Cook and Randell, all in defence.

Melbourne's ace and the best player afield was left back McGowan while right half Scott also had an excellent game.

Scorers: Savage for Slavia; Connelly for Melbourne.

**United
at Olympic Park**

In the absence of any official proclamation so far it's the nearest thing to a certainty that the representative matches against Manchester United and the international against Scotland in Melbourne will be played at soccer's headquarters, Olympic Park.

At least that's my version of the situation after talks with several top members of the Victorian Soccer Federation.

While soccer needs Olympic Park every weekend and not only just on odd occasions, it will be great pity if thousands are locked out, as they could be, or the ground is allowed to fill to overflowing on similar lines to the AS Roma game.

Hodgson deal off

Any suggested deal between Croatia and George Cross for the transfer of long-serving centre half Don Hodgson would appear to have fallen through and there seems no doubt that the former Moreland player who has represented both Victoria and Australia will be in the number five spot for George Cross when they kick off in their first league game against Lions.

Unless, of course, they blood their new centre half or full back, Barbour, due to arrive from England very soon.

Croatia dropped their idea of bidding for Hodgson when George Cross stated the fee they wanted for the player.

**Polonia's
new ground**

Polonia's new ground at the Brooklyn Speedway will be officially opened this Saturday when new State League team, Makedonia, provide the opposition.

Reputed to be one of the best playing surfaces in Melbourne, the ground which has been built up by the speedway promoters won't have any covered enclosure or grandstand this season.

By 1968 it is hoped to have a stand capable of seating 2000.

Temporary dressing-room accommodation will be available for the players and referees and the lighting system which has been erected for the "dirt track" boys will in all probability be good enough for full scale soccer matches.

It's not inconceivable too that in the very near future the rail line will be extended right to the door.

Adjacent to the Speedway and soccer pitch is a larger area reserved for the Trotting Control Board who are expected to move out soon from the Showgrounds.

Good move

The Victorian Soccer Federation now has a brand new "eye-catching" sign outside Soccer House right in the heart of busy Fitzroy Street, St. Kilda, showing a calendar of the Ampol Cup games and the future international fixtures.

A first class move to bring more publicity for soccer.

**BRISBANE GETS
NEW STADIUM**

— From ALAN FOUCHE in Brisbane —

Soccer in Brisbane made a significant breakthrough last Saturday week with the official opening by the Governor of Queensland, Sir Alan Mansfield, of the new \$15,000 Maramba Stadium at Wynnum, an outer suburban area of Brisbane.

The Wynnum District club, who hold the freehold to the ground, have ambitious plans for the future, which are believed to include floodlighting.

Concentrated effort among the youth of the area is paying quick dividends for this 46-year-old club.

They have hoisted themselves from the foot of Third Division to their present position in the Second, and are now freely tipped to regain the First Division status they lost before World War II.

The club is also the first to purchase the freehold to its own ground anywhere in Queensland.

The only other club-owned ground at Blackstone was left to the local club in the owner's will — on the unusual condition that no Sunday football could be staged there.

The new ground could not have had a more auspicious opening.

Many local dignitaries were present to see a feast of goals in a non-stop five hour five-a-side carnival.

The Queensland Soccer Federation deserves full marks for their latest idea to raise funds.

It is hoped to run TWELVE stalls at this year's Royal National Show.

Manned by club officials, the stalls should realise a handsome profit for the code.

The formerly all-Australian club is now advertising the position in England, and rumors have it that a split in their ranks could be on the cards over the move.

Latrobe, whose 1931 team was the first ever to win a Queensland premiership with eleven locally-born lads, now have only one Australian in their side — full back Alan Bain.

Recently, the all-British outfit sparsely added the title "Western Suburbs" to their name — then promptly linked up with Brisbane's "English Club," an organisation formed by English migrants.

Reconciliation is at last imminent between the Federation and the few remaining "loyalists" of the virtually defunct Brisbane Amateur Soccer Association.

The Association is still functioning spasmodically in Brisbane, featuring such attractions in their First Division as Wacol Wanderers, a team comprised of prisoners from a local jail.

Belying their name, the "Wanderers" play only home matches, naturally...

Now talks are to be held to see if a new amateur set-up can be achieved, incorporating all amateur clubs, a move which would be welcomed by the Federation.

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Aiming for business?



— ENGLISH NEWSLETTER —

Crystal Palace in promotion gamble

Crystal Palace, dead set to gain promotion to the First Division, have signed West Ham and ex-England centre forward John Byrne for a reported \$115,000.

Actually, for Byrne, this was a home-coming.

He played for Crystal Palace at 17 in the Fourth Division and left in 1962 for a fee of \$163,000 to join West Ham.

With the Hammers he gained FA Cup and European Cupwinners' Cup medals.

He played in 163 games, scored 79 goals and played for England eleven times — the first time when still with Palace.

Now when West Ham made it clear that for a fee they would agree to let Byrne go, Stoke City were the first to make a bid.

However, Palace stepped in smartly and offered to pay West Ham's demand, half in cash, the rest over a year.

Palace are taking a gamble as they are reportedly some \$250,000 in the red.

They know they can only pay their creditors if they win promotion and draw such bigger crowds next season than in the past.

With Byrne leading their attack, they hope to achieve just that.

Nothing seems to go right for Chelsea and its fiery manager, Tommy Docherty.

Quite a few talented players left the club in the last year or so — Venables, Graham, Bridges, McCalliong etc. — and not all new signings have proved successful.

When brilliant young centre forward Osgood broke his leg, Docherty signed, for about

Newcastle news

Newcastle Junior president Bill Walker has been appointed president of the new Hunter Valley Association, formed as a branch of the NSW Amateur Association.

Hunter Valley will control junior football in Newcastle, Lakes, Central Coast and Hunter Valley.

Arthur Brady may remain with Hamilton Azurri as a player but not as coach.

Brady's employment may take him outside Newcastle, which will mean another coach for the Hamilton club.

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In fact, Western Suburbs don't care if they don't make First Division for another two or three years.

That, they say, will give them time to build up their strength and develop their own, local products for the tough, often merciless hurly-burly of First Division.

George Yardley, the strong Scot who recently returned from St. George-Budapest in Australia, is scoring goals with monotonous regularity for his Fourth Division club, Tranmere Rovers.

His partnership with \$42,000 signing George Hudson in the forward line is paying off for the Rovers.

A few months ago they were languishing near the bottom of the table and now they have an excellent chance of gaining promotion to Third Division.

Kilmarnock goalkeeper Bob Ferguson, who was selected last week as a member of the Scotland team to tour Australia soon, may be transferred to West Ham in London.

For a couple of seasons

now Kilmarnock have resisted

all temptations to let him go

but West Ham's offer of

\$100,000 seems too good to refuse.

Kilmarnock are in financial trouble and the money

they could get for Ferguson

would certainly come mighty handy.

Western Suburbs will go places

— By PAUL DEAN —

A club with a future — this is Western Suburbs, if I ever saw one.

Over the last few weeks I have heard several glowing reports about this club from colleagues Keith Gilmour and Alan Speers.

Now I saw it for myself.

In a matter of a couple of years, Western Suburbs have risen from absolute obscurity to a position where they can be rightly envied by some of the First Division "giants."

At Five Dock, only a stone's throw away from Parramatta Road and almost halfway between Concord and Drummoyne Oval, they have a splendid little clubhouse with all the necessary facilities.

It's well equipped, it's well frequented and it's new: just one year old.

Revenue from poker machines, the dining room and the bar keeps rising and this is where the club's strength appears to lie.

Appears, I said, because other clubs have proved in the past that money really isn't everything.

But Western Suburbs have much more, above all a club whose primary function is to develop and foster soccer.

All other sports within the club will take second place behind soccer.

Western Suburbs mean business when they say that they intend to grow into Sydney's leading soccer club.

As from this weekend, they have Joe Marston, the former APIA and Australian star as their fulltime coach, dividing his time between the Western Suburbs teams and the various amateur and school organisations in the district that want his help.

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American dream may become huge nightmare

April 16 — this is "D" day in the USA for the National Professional Soccer League.

Preparations for the start of this much publicised and multi-million project are just about completed and pretty soon the world will know whether it is a roaring success or a classic failure.

With them went their coach, Ivan Toplak who will run the show at Frisco.

Chicago Spurs have Heinz Banschwitz who was last year the understudy of Willi Schulz in the German World Cup side.

Aussie player

Baltimore Bay, coached by former Welsh star Phil Woosnam and managed by ex-Fleet Street journalist Clive Toy, have a host of stars waiting to show their wares to the American public.

Hector Martinez and Luis Mayoral were secured from Atletico Madrid, Ruben Garcete, a Paraguayan international, came from Cordoba.

From Velez Sarsfield in Argentina they signed Constantine Tejada and from Zaragoza former Real Madrid skipper, Juan Santisteban.

Australian Karl Minor who spent two years with West Ham in the reserves also joined Baltimore Bay.

Full Brazilian international Uriel da Veiga, amateur international Nelio dos Santos from Flamengo as well as the Jamaican brothers Art and Asher Welch are the other Baltimore stars.

Still, many people have their doubts about the ultimate success of the venture.

They feel that after the novelty has worn off, the American public will soon tire of the "circus atmosphere" of the matches in which they are not likely to see one single American playing.

When that happens, the clubs will face a financial crisis and a crucial decision: should they carry on, hoping to establish the game on a broader basis or should they cut their losses and forget the whole episode?

STOP PRESS

The NSW Disciplinary committee last Tuesday suspended Ricardo Campana for four matches and Johnny Giacometti for two games.

BANKSTOWN REGION IS TEEMING WITH TEAMS

Although still not back in First Division, Bankstown district will present an outstanding array of senior soccer when the Federation Second Division and the Inter-Suburban Leagues kick-off in the season proper.

As usual, Bankstown District club will play at Bankstown Oval.

North Bankstown, newcomers to Second Division, will use George Green Oval.

The Bankstown Soccer Club Reserve will come into Inter-Suburban use for the first time.

Bankstown Thistle will play all its home games there.

Yagoona will divide its home games between the Reserve and O'Neill Park.

The Social Club has recently completed work on an amenities block on their ground.

The other Inter-Suburban clubs from the district will use their normal home grounds: Condell Park (Bankstown Showground), Greenacre (Allum Park), and Padstow RSL (Padstow Oval).

Elsewhere in senior amateur football, clubs are negotiating to upgrade to better grounds.

North Sydney Inter is seeking to replace Anderson Park with North Sydney Oval No. 2, or failing that, with Cammeray Park.

Enmore club has finalised on Mackey Park Tempe, which it will share with the improving Marrickville club.

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ROUND THE WORLD

Pele's transfer denied

Inter Milan have denied press reports that Pele had been sold to the club for \$1,500,000. In Milan, Italo Allodi, secretary of Inter, reiterated earlier denials that his club was trying to buy Pele. "Under current regulations it is not possible until July 1970, for Italian clubs to buy foreign players," he said. Santos director, Jose Berandres Ferreira, also denied the reports. He said the presence of Inter Milan official Cacildo Oses in Brazil was aimed solely at finalising details for a European tour by Santos later this year.

Celtic's last second victory

Celtic, the pride of Catholic Scotland, scored the goal that put them through to the semifinals of the European Cup in the very last second of their match against Yugoslavia's Vojvodina in Glasgow last Wednesday week. Celtic opened the score in the 58th minute when Lennox volleyed home across from left back Gemmell. With time running out, and a third match almost certain, Vojvodina having won the first match 1-0, centre-half McNeill rocketed a header past Yugoslav goalie Pantelic. The Yugoslavs claimed Celtic's winning goal was scored 17 seconds after time. A crowd of 76,000 gave the home team fanatical support all through and played a big part in Celtic's triumph.

Tour off — getting married

The 18th man who should have completed the Scottish squad to tour Australia and New Zealand has had to call off the trip because of romance. The player, Glasgow Rangers' inside-forward Dave Smith, is getting married in Aberdeen on June 10 — right in the middle of the tour. A replacement for Smith has yet to be named.

Fair Cities' Cup quarterfinals

This is the draw for the quarterfinals of the European Fair Cities' Cup: Benfica (Portugal) v. Kilmarnock (Scotland), Juventus (Italy) v. Dinamo Zagreb (Yugoslavia), Bologna (Italy) v. Leeds (England), Eintracht Frankfurt (West Germany) v. Burnley (England). The matches must be completed by April 21.

The big dispute

The dispute about "that" World Cup final goal is still going on. A Swiss newspaper has now published a sequence of photos taken from the only movie film shot behind the net, "freezing" the ball at crucial points. In each case the ball has clearly not crossed the line.

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Sunday soccer may be round the corner in England. All but 11 of England's professional clubs stated openly last week that they would be in favor of Sunday sport. They were answering a circular sent out by the English League to test the clubs' feelings on the controversial issue.

● The Swedish and Swiss Associations will ban for life any of their players joining the breakaway American Professional League.

● The Malaysian Premier, Tunku Abdul Rahman, president of the Asian Football Confederation, will present a trophy worth \$5,000 to the winner of the first Asian Champions' Cup.

● In the South American Champions' Cup, Racing Buenos Aires beat River Plate, also of Argentina, 2-0.

● Bobby Collins, who captained Leeds in the 1965 English FA Cup Final, has been transferred to Second Division Bury.

● Real Madrid forward, Pirri, has been named the city of Madrid's "Sportsman of the Year," ahead of tennis star Manoel Santana.

● Eddy Fruhwirth, Austria's former team manager, will coach West German regional club, Viktoria Köln, next season.

● A crowd of 55,000 in Barcelona last week saw the local team, CF Barcelona, defeat Feyenoord of Holland 2-1 at the Nou Camp Stadium in a friendly match.

● The 1967-68 European Fair Cities' Cup will include 48 clubs instead of 32 this season.

● The English League has recommended that referees be compelled to retire at the age of 47. The English Referees Association agrees with the idea and actually wants the age limit reduced to 45.

● Tottenham fullback Beal broke his right arm in the match against Manchester City a fortnight ago.

● France's national team, for the first time under new coach Just Fontaine, suffered a humiliating defeat in a practice match in Marseille last week. France went down 2-0 to a combined Corsican XI that included five amateur players and four Second Division players.

● Manchester United have called off their proposed two matches in Hong Kong en route to Australia in May.

● Nikolai Morozov, former coach of the Russian team, is likely to be the new technical director of the Bulgarian national team.

● Herrera, the newly appointed manager-coach of Italy, will reinstate AC Milan star Rivera in the national team — at outside right.

● Former French international Roger Piantoni is giving practical demonstrations of basic soccer to youngsters on the Paris TV.

SCOREBOARD

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' CUP: Celtic Glasgow v. Vojvodina (Yugoslavia) 2-0 (Celtic qualifies for semifinals); Dukla Prague v. Ajax Amsterdam (Holland) 2-1 (Dukla qualifies for semifinals); Twente v. Telstar 1-0.

HUNGARY: MTK v. Szeged 1-1; Vasas v. Komlo 5-2; Honved v. Eger 3-2; Salgotrajan v. Csepel 1-0; Diosgyor v. Dunaujvaros 1-0; Szombathely v. Tatabanya 3-1; Gyor v. Ujpest 1-0; Pecs v. Ferencvaros 0-2.

ITALY: Atalanta v. Lecco 1-0; Bologna v. Roma 2-0; Foggia v. Milan AC 0-1; Inter Milan v. Torino 1-2; Juventus v. Spal 2-1; Vicenza v. Fiorentina 3-1; Lazio v. Napoli 0-0; Mantova v. Brescia 1-0; Venezia v. Cagliari 1-1.

PORTUGAL: CUF v. Porto 1-5; Academia v. Benfica 0-1; Sporting Lisbon v. Belenenses 1-0; Atletico v. Setubal 0-2; Braga v. Sanjoanense 1-0; Varzim v. Beira Mar 1-0; Leixoes v. Guimaraes 0-1.

SPAIN: Elche v. Sabadell 3-2; Sevilla v. Barcelona 0-2; Espanol v. Cordoba 2-1; Granada v. Valencia 3-2; Pontevedra v. Atletico Madrid 0-0; Real Madrid v. Bilbao 4-0; Zaragoza v. Coruna 5-1; Las Palmas v. Hercules Alicante 0-1.

AUSTRIA: Vienna v. Brezenz 1-0; Wiener Neustadt v. Admirals 0-2; Innsbruck v. Kapfenberg 2-0; LASK v. Klagenfurt 1-0; Austria Wien v. Sturm Graz 2-0; Rapid v. Wacker Wien 5-0; GAK v. Wiener SK 0-4.

BELGIUM: Charleroi v. Antwerp 1-1; FC Liege v. Bruges 1-0; Tilleur v. Standard Liege 0-1; La Gantoise v. St. Trond 0-2; Beerschot v. Anderlecht 0-0; Waregem v. Beerenga 1-1; Malines v. Lierse 1-3; Racing White v. Daring 2-2.

FRANCE (Cup): Angers v. Lille 1-0; Lyon v. Rouen 1-0; Rennes v. Stade Paris 2-0; Lens v. Sedan 2-1; Sochaux v. Chaumont 1-1; Nantes v. Angouleme 1-1; Bastia v. Strasbourg 3-1; Monaco v. Aix 1-0.

Pele off again
Pele was sent off in Santiago when his team, Santos, met Colo-Colo in the last match of the Hexagonal Tournament. Pele and the Chilean, Cruz, had a fist fight and both got sent off. In the second half, Santos captain Zito also got his marching orders. Yet Santos won 2-1. The tournament was won by Vasas of Hungary and their star, Farkas, was the top scorer, ahead of Pele.

Docherty eats his words

After Jim McCalliog's great performance for the Scottish Under-23 team against England (3-1 for the Scots), Tommy Docherty, McCalliog's former coach at Chelsea before he transferred to Sheffield Wednesday, said: "Letting McCalliog go was one of the greatest errors in judgment I ever made. He is the most conscientious professional player I've seen for a long time." McCalliog will tour Australia with Scotland in May. It will be his second visit as he was here with Chelsea in 1965 when he almost went unnoticed.

What a scheme!

About 1,000 boys are studying at Mislanello, Inter Milan's huge training establishment. Many of the boys are under-12. All attend school and live-in at colleges, maintained by Inter. During their spare time, they receive intensive coaching.

Own goal downs Ajax

Dukla Prague, the Czech champions, scored twice in the last 15 minutes to beat the tenacious Dutchmen from Ajax Amsterdam in their second leg European Cup quarterfinal in Prague last week. Ajax opened the score in the 65th minute through Swart. Strunc made it 1-1 from a penalty in the 75th minute and three minutes from the end Soetichouw, the Ajax fullback, scored an own goal after a treacherous cross by the Dukla fullback Cmarada. Having drawn 1-1 in Amsterdam in the first match, Dukla becomes the first Czech team ever to reach the semifinals of Europe's premier club competition.

Yanks' greatest capture

The American Professional League made their biggest capture with the signing of West German international halfback Horst Szymaniak. The former German "great" will play for the Chicago "Spurs." His signing-on fee was \$25,000 for three seasons.

● Corinthians of Brazil have lent Garrincha to Chile's Colo-Colo for their American tour. The fee: \$12,000.

● Penarol Montevideo, the current World Club Champions, are negotiating for River Plate's Argentinian international forward, Onega.

● Sparta Moscow is the first Soviet club team to be invited to Spain for a "friendly." The Moscovites will play Valencia in May.

● Baltimore Bay will admit anybody born in Europe freely to their opening match in the American Professional League.

● "Inter is simply a much better team than ours," said laconically Real Madrid's veteran captain Gento after their European quarterfinal clash.

● The first half of the Italian League season drew about 500,000 less spectators than in 1965-66.

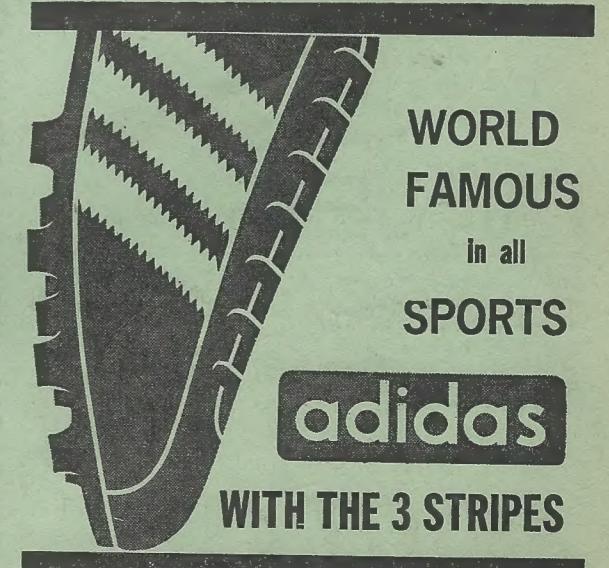
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SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

ASF vice-president, JIM BAYUTTI, currently on a business trip in Europe, will visit Zurich this week to hold talks with FIFA secretary, Helmut Kaser and president, Sir Stanley Rous. He will discuss the question of development aid for Australia and the other Oceania Confederation countries. Proposals have already been submitted to FIFA in respect of refereeing and coaching courses planned for 1968. These will be discussed by the FIFA Technical Development Committee at its meeting on June 4.

The PROTESTANT CHURCHES SFA has now over 8,500 players in 600 teams from under-8 to All-Age all over the Sydney metropolitan area.

MELITA EAGLES will play two games at Olympic Park, Melbourne, this weekend. At 8 p.m. on Saturday they meet George Cross and on Sunday afternoon clash with Victorian champions, South Melbourne-Hellas. The touring party will leave on Friday and watch the final of the Victorian Ampol Cup in the evening.

The newly-appointed Chairman of the New Zealand FA, JACK COWIE, is presently visiting Australia. Cowie recently succeeded the late Bob Smith, who passed away last month.

The ASF has been informed that the touring MANCHESTER UNITED squad will be selected from the following players: Aston, Best, Brennan, Cantwell, Charlton, Crerand, Dunne, Fitzpatrick, Foulkes, Gaskell, Herd, Kidd, Law, Noble, Rimmer, Ryan, Sadler, Stepney and Stiles. The tourists will be officially chosen four weeks before they leave England late in May.

APIA's brilliant UNDER-14 team, the 1966 Under-13 "Champion of Champions" want to tee up trial matches. APIA, who play in the Western Suburbs Association, are willing to travel any reasonable distance to get a game.

BANKSTOWN COUNCIL

will erect floodlights at Banks-town Memorial Oval. Banks-town will invite First Division teams to play under lights during the season.

SUTHERLAND and WESTERN SUBURBS played a 1-1 draw in a trial match at Miranda last Sunday. Con Gregorus scored for the home team and assistant-coach Leo Bosklopper for Western Suburbs, from a penalty.

JIMMY PEARSON, the former Pan Hellenic and Australian World Cup forward, has been transferred for a "hefty" fee from Cape Town Hellenic to Port Elizabeth City in South Africa.

PAN HELLENIC-WAVERLEY, a top junior club in the Eastern Suburbs, would like trial games for this month from U/8 up to U/16. The club is still seeking players in these age groups. Training is held outside the Sydney Sports Ground from 7 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday night. Contact C. Silvester, president, phone 72-7194.

ERWIN NINAUS, the former Prague stopper, is still one of the mainstays of the Austrian First Division club Grazer AK with whom he recently played in Budapest.

PETER CLARKE, Banks-town's brilliant teenage forward, has recovered from the injury he sustained last year. Great things are expected from him this season.

JOE VLASIS has been appointed Chief Instructor for two years by the NSW Coaches Federation. Recently he conducted a successful course at Bathurst.

POLONIA now have more than enough "quota-players" for the competition. In addition to Calphy, Oliver, Adamson, Woodward, Muhlbauer and Baker, they can now rely on MICK BELL, the former Hakoah and NSW Under-18 forward, whom they signed last Saturday.

KEN FERGUSON, president of Cumberland United, and KEITH VINTON, treasurer, were re-elected as directors of the Auburn Soccer Sports Club. Actually all nine directors of the licensed club are members of Cumberland United.

The MANCHESTER UNITED touring party will be accompanied by the following senior club officials: L.C. Edwards, J.A. Gibson, W.A. Young, D.D. Haroun, Directors; Matt Bushy, Manager; J. Murphy, Assistant Manager; L. Olive, Secretary; J. Crompton, Trainer.

BANKSTOWN have signed ROBERT PRICE from Corinthians. Price, who was given a free transfer, was formerly with Bankstown. The club has also signed three new juniors: E. TANSLEY, R. SHEDRICK and G. BRACK as well as ROBERT JORDAN, 20, a former Chelsea junior.

JOHNNY WONG, the former Polonia and APIA forward, is back in Malaysia after 12 months in Hong Kong. Wong has returned to Ipoh, his home town, where his father owns a chain of hardware stores.

South Coast United has signed up 22-year-old TONY SIMMONS from the Fourth Division English club Halifax Town. During the 1965-66 English season, Simmons scored 50 goals as an inside forward.

EDIDIO ZUCCATO, a former EPT (Illawarra Association) player has failed in his appeal to have his "outed for life" sentence lifted. Zuccato allegedly hit a referee in an EPT-Russell Vale match on May 3, 1964.

MELITA EAGLES have abandoned plans to sign Maltese international forward JOE CINI for the season. Cini's signing-on terms were deemed excessive by the club.

MANLY firsts beat BLACKTOWN 4-0 in a trial match last Sunday. Manly seconds won their match 3-0.

Cumberland's new signing from Melbourne Croatia, JOE KEENAN, represented Victoria against Everton three years ago. Scottish-born Keenan scored two goals for Cumberland in his Sydney debut last Saturday at Arlington. Keenan played for East Stirling Albion in Scotland before coming to Australia.

WESTERN SUBURBS SOCCER CLUB LTD. has donated \$500 to the TASMANIAN BUSHFIRE RELIEF appeal.

VICTOR FERNANDEZ, the St. George-Budapest forward, returned from a holiday in his native Argentina last Friday. Fernandez hopes to play in about three weeks. At the moment he is five pounds overweight. His wife will follow him about June — with their new-born baby.

SYDNEY PROGRAM THIS WEEKEND

AMPOL CUP SEMIFINALS

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

St. George v. Pan Hellenic — Marks Field, 7.15 p.m.
APIA v. Hakoah — Marks Field, 8.45 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

Third Place Play-off — Wentworth Park, 1.30 p.m.
AMPOL CUP FINAL — Wentworth Park, 3.00 p.m.

NEXT WEEKEND

SYDNEY PREMIERSHIP ROUND I

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

Yugal v. Polonia-NS — Marks Field.
Canterbury v. APIA — Arlington Oval.
Marconi v. Bankstown — Marconi Oval.
Blacktown v. Hornsby-NE — Francis Park.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Melita Eagles v. Cumberland — Mona Park.
South Coast v. Prague — Woonona Oval.
Pan Hellenic v. Croatia — Wentworth Park.
St. George-Budapest v. Hakoah — Marks Field.
Balgownie v. Western Suburbs — Balgownie Oval.
Sutherland v. Lane Cove — Seymour Shaw Park.
North Bankstown v. Corinthian — George Green Oval.
Granville v. Manly — Macarthur Park.

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— By CHARLES SPITERI —

SECOND DIVISION MANY EX-STARS NOW COACHING

In a determined bid to gain promotion, Marconi-Southern District have undergone a complete reorganisation.

The first step was to change the club's status from amateur to professional and to include "Southern District" to their name.

They have severed all relations with the Marconi Social Club and a new committee has been elected.

The new committee, headed by Joe Morizzi, then started a campaign for new members and already over 400 are on the roll.

To strengthen the side, the club signed a few more players, including Milani, who last year played centre-half for the APIA reserves, Gilbert from Bankstown and inside right Les Hickey from Hornsby-North End.

But their best buy of the season was the signing of Gastone Giacometti, younger brother of APIA's star goalgetter, who will lead the attack this season.

As coach, they retained Joe Vasvary, the former APIA, Hakoah and St. George-Budapest forward.

The club has also adopted four junior teams, including under 9s, 11s, 14s and 15s, from which they hope to recruit suitable replacements for their already strong reserve team.

Next Sunday they play a friendly match against Western Suburbs.

The new committee consists of: J. Morizzi (President); L. Marson (Vice President); M. Martin (Secretary); G. Stanziona (Assistant Secretary) and A. Brown (Treasurer).

North Bankstown

North Bankstown is an amateur side with an enthusiastic committee — the majority of which are old soccer players themselves.

The club, formed in 1952 with three junior teams, will field 28 teams ranging from under-6 years old to all-age in addition to the Second Division squad and the reserve team this year.

The first team is coached by former NSW representative centre-half Bob Maden and his assistant is Ray Thomas, a Bankstown District representative coach of past years.

Most players in the side will be having their first taste of Federation football and the squad will mainly consist of young talented district players, plus a number of experienced ones to provide the guidance necessary in senior soccer.

Bob Wall, the team's coach and his assistant, Max Wainwright, have been

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Many clubs still without a home

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

The biggest headache for First Division soccer clubs is the inadequacy of available grounds.

Close to the city there is a distinct impression that the more that soccer presses to improve its ground allocation the harder the door is closed.

No club can prosper unless it has first-class headquarters.

Even by Sydney's inferior standards only seven of 12 First Division clubs have virtually settled arrangements.

St. George, South Sydney Croatia, Yugal, Melita and Polonia to varying degrees are forced to catch as catch can.

As a result, the first three of these clubs have jumped at the chance to play some Saturday fixtures at the Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2.

The Federation has secured this ground, and will allocate games to applicant clubs.

This will be a testing year for the S.C.G. No. 2.

Although living in the shadow of the S.C.G. next door, its playing surface and embankments create an attractive setting, and the stand holds 1,000 spectators.

The ground is adequate for a 15,000 crowd.

St. George will play only three matches on Hurstville Oval this year.

Surely some of soccer's ground difficulties can be laid at the door of anti-soccer bias amongst some ground controllers.

Croatia was unsuccessful tenderer for two grounds, one of which was Mascot

Manchester's \$625 gift

The Directors of Manchester United have read locally of the Tasmanian fire tragedy and have written to the Australian Soccer Federation as follows:

"We have considered what action can be taken or assistance given in respect of the Tasmanian fire disaster, but unfortunately owing to the heavy schedule of matches arranged for our tour of Australia and New Zealand it is regretted that it would not be possible to add an additional fixture to our programme by way of a Charity Match.

"However, as a token of our understanding and sympathy to the people of Tasmania, we wish to make a donation of \$625 for use in assistance and relief work, and we would be grateful if you would make this donation on our behalf."

Park, a well-situated and under-exploited ground in genuine South Sydney territory.

The club has only three Saturday dates at Erskineville Oval.

No club can build to its potential under these circumstances.

The code at the same time has the responsibility to solve some of its own problems.

Polonia, with its North-side tag added, has seven games at North Sydney Oval, and others at Drummoyne Oval.

With many of its supporters hailing from the Bankstown area, surely

some straightening out is necessary.

Second Division clubs fare better, probably because many draw from outer suburban districts, where they are better established in the community pattern and strike less prejudice.

Grounds such as Macarthur Park, Seymour Shaw Park and Bankstown Oval are synonymous with soccer.

The "new boys," Western Suburbs, will play seven home games at Concord Oval and four at Drummoyne, which demonstrates how local Councils can get on side with district soccer clubs.

Nonplussed and bewildered by the precision and speed of Cracovia's carpet passing,

CRACOVIA SCORES BIG AMPOL CUP FINAL WIN

— From ALLAN NEWMAN in Perth —

Cracovia, WA's State League champions of 1966, went on their merry winning way in the \$1,000 Ampol Cup with a crushing 5-1 victory over Swan Valley in the final at the Perth Cricket Ground.

It was more of a massacre than a match as Cracovia piled up the biggest winning margin in an Ampol Cup final since Tricolore overwhelmed Azzurri 7-1 in 1963.

What's more, it was Cracovia's first appearance in an Ampol Cup series.

Getting full value from their four former Polish league stars, Henry Lukoszek, Ziggy Pieda, Paul Sobek and Wally Musial, Cracovia hit the front in the tenth minute, led 3-0 at half-time and strolled through the second half to lead 5-0 after 61 minutes.

Nonplussed and bewildered by the precision and speed of Cracovia's carpet passing,

Swan Valley couldn't get into transfer of Pilk and Nobbs.

These gave the appeals board unfettered discretion and the board's decision was final.

But there was some consolation for Azzurri when their centre-half Peter Giorgi won a \$100 trophy as the best player in the qualifying rounds of the Ampol Cup.

Votes were cast by spectators and Giorgi topped the poll with 424 votes, finishing ahead of Swan Valley left-winger Len Dundo (331) and Olympic inside-left Lou Androff (298).

Dundo might have won the trophy if he had not been called up for national service training in the army, missing the last match of the qualifying round.

Azzurri had sought transfer fees of \$1,200 for Pilk, their former coach, and \$400 for ex-State defender Gil Nobbs when they asked for a move to Cracovia.

Cracovia claimed that the fees were too high and the appeals board had the same opinion, slashing Pilk's price to \$600 and that of Nobbs to \$200.

In refusing Azzurri's application to grant an interim injunction against the WA Federation, Mr. Justice Jackson said in the Supreme Court that the Federation's constitution permitted an appeal against the conditions of the

WA State League kicks off on April 1 with Cottesloe and Perth City taking the places of Athena and North Perth, who finished 1966 in the relegation zone.

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WA officials are hopping mad over the allocation of Tuesday, June 27, for Manchester United's game against the local State side.

This means that the match will be played under sub-standard floodlights at the Perth Cricket Ground.

TIPS FOR TRAINERS

Quick way to check doubtful injuries

— By D. Jackson, National Athletic Trainers Ass. USA —

You must realise that the field emergency is the toughest decision you will be asked to make.

You have pressure coming at you from all sides, such as the referee wanting you to move the player over the line, the players around you, and the anxious officials pacing the touch line.

What you have to do is keep ice cool and take charge — and still, you do not know what has happened to your player.

When I run out onto the field I am thinking of several things, such as to what extent is the injury, is it minor or major? Can I keep the player on the field, or will this decision aggravate the injury?

Will any taping or padding be necessary?

I would like to list a few of the things I look for when called onto the field:

1. The area of injury.
2. The amount of pain.

3. Any swelling or head, spine, kidney, intestinal, or fractures.

4. Deformity or dislocation.

5. Range of motion.

6. Head or spinal injuries.

7. Condition of player's eyes.

8. Any breathing trouble.

9. Testicular injury.

10. If player is conscious or not.

11. If unconscious, look for swallowed tongue.

Remember there is only one rule you need to follow, and this is it:

WHEN IN DOUBT — TAKE HIM OUT.

You will probably find that 96 per cent of injuries will turn out to be superficial.

The other 4 per cent could be serious.

Do not gamble with

REPLACEMENTS

This white space above is intended as a warning to clubs who are planning to replace players in the premiership only to beat the quota-rule.

Each and every week we will publish the full list of replacements with all the relevant data: who was replaced by whom, in which minute.

If we can't discourage some clubs from "gamesmanship," nobody can stop us from showing them up.

So the onus is on the clubs.

NEPEAN'S PROGRESS

Entries closed on March 1 in the Nepean Districts Soccer Football Association's 1967 competition.

A total of 135 teams have nominated, an increase of 24 on 1966.

The main increase has taken place in the Blacktown section.

The knock-out competition will be played on European Cup rules.

A meeting has been held in Richmond to form new clubs, and it is hoped to play league games in Richmond every Saturday morning, even though Richmond teams may not be playing.

Penrith City Council has allocated an area of land in Kingswood for the sole use of the Association who plan to improve the land.

The Council are also to erect toilets and dressing rooms on Ridge Park, St. Marys.

The home ground of Inter-Suburban Third Division team, St. Marys SSC will be this ground when completed.

Late entries for 1967 may be accepted: contact G. Churchward, Hon. Sec., P.O. Box 37, Kingswood, or ring Penrith 2-3905.

This has made the

Inter-Suburban round-up

Artarmon, the Inter-Suburban First Division club, will play the 4-2-4 system this year.

The first team has been practicing under coach Dave Reid, who holds an FA coaching certificate.

Dave is assisted by player Phil Witcombe, a one-time Welsh schoolboy international.

The club feels that the more modern system distributes the play more evenly amongst the team, with a result that each player automatically receives plenty of football in the 90 minutes.

The club expects great things from stalwart Andy McAlpine this year as Artarmon's No. 1 striker.

Guildford Park, home of Second Division Guildford Wanderers, is in good shape for the season.

The playing pitches have been receiving regular attention throughout the summer.

The main field is used by the senior club, whilst the juniors have two smaller fields.

Last year Parramatta Council erected 4 x 70ft. pipe standards on one field.

The Council and Prospect County Council have offered further lighting this year.

This has made the

ground usable for night matches as well as night training.

The Guildford Juniors have already entertained Blacktown for six junior night matches this season.

Promotion plan

The Inter-Suburban League has decided in favor of two teams up and two teams down within the League's divisions this year.

The Federation is expected to ratify the decision.

The League is seeking to be given the right to nominate grounds for end-of-season championship games.

Some discord resulted last year when grounds used for finals were the home grounds of some clubs, but the position should be eased this year.

The Amateurs have decided that only a goalkeeper may be replaced if injured in 1967 competition matches.

No provision will be made this year for substitution of an injured field player, which is the system to be used in Federation First and Second Division competitions.

The clubs have decided to study the application of both methods during the season, and review the position for 1968.

— Keith Gilmour

FIGURE NO. 26

Navigated charts were greatly improved by the 1500's, but it was not until 1569 that seamen were finally able to measure accurately distances and angles between two given points. The great Flemish geographer, Kramer — better known as Mercator — invented the mapping system of "increased latitudinal separation." The Mercator Projection divided the map of the world by meridians of straight lines at equal distances from each other, and the parallels by straight lines at right angles to the meridians, but placed further away from each other as their distance from the equator increases. Mercator's system is still used on sea charts today.

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